



# National Weather Service

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 1996

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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### WISCONSIN, Southeast

**WIZ046>047-051>052-056>060-062>072**      **Marquette - Green Lake - Fond Du Lac - Sheboygan - Sauk - Columbia - Dodge - Washington - Ozaukee - Iowa - Dane - Jefferson - Waukesha - Milwaukee - Lafayette - Green - Rock - Walworth - Racine - Kenosha**

<b>01</b>	<b>0000CST</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Extreme Cold</b>
<b>04</b>	<b>2359CST</b>			

The episode of extreme cold, which started in late January, 1996, continued through the first four days of February across Southcentral and Southeast Wisconsin. Ending on the 4th, Milwaukee had a string of 73 hours below zero, while Madison registered 177 hours below the zero mark. Adding to the misery, wind chills were in the minus 35 to minus 60 degree range many times during this event. There were 4 cold-weather hypothermia deaths reported in Milwaukee county. In addition... 18 people sustained frostbite injuries... 15 of them in Milwaukee county. Numerous water main pipes burst, and fiber optic cables froze... disrupting telephone service. Schools were closed on the 2nd, and 8000 homes in Southeast Wisconsin lost electrical service on the 2nd as power companies cut back on output. Service stations and the AAA were overwhelmed with requests for assistance.

New minimum temperature records follow: -26 in the city of Fond du Lac (daily record) on the 2nd, -24 in the city of Waukesha (new Feb record) on the 2nd, -20 in the city of Milwaukee (daily record) on the 2nd, -29 in West Bend (all-time record anytime) on the 3rd, -29 in Madison (new Feb record) on the 3rd, -25 in Sheboygan (tied Feb record) on the 3rd, -23 in the city of Racine (daily record) on the 3rd, -26 in the city Milwaukee (new daily record and tied all-time record anytime) on the 3rd, and -19 in the city of Milwaukee (daily record) on the 4th. F21OT, F35OT, M74PH, M26OU

**WIZ068**

**Green**

<b>10</b>	<b>1545CST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Flood</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>0200CST</b>			

A combination of melting snow and light rain coupled with ice action caused minor lowland flooding along the Pecatonica River in the vicinity of Martintown. The river level at this location crested at 11.86 feet on Feb 10th at 2230CST, or .86 feet above flood stage.

**WIZ068**

**Green**

<b>12</b>	<b>0400CST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Flood</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>1800CST</b>			

A combination of melting snow and light rain coupled with ice action caused minor lowland flooding along the Sugar River in the vicinity of Broadhead. The river level at this location crested at 5.45 feet at 1905CST on Feb 12th, or .45 feet above flood stage

**WIZ060**

**Ozaukee**

<b>27</b>	<b>1330CST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Flood</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>1800CST</b>			

A melting snow cover and light rain event developed on Feb 26th, resulting in minor lowland flooding on the Milwaukee River in the vicinity of Cedarburg. The river at this location crested at 10.12 feet at 0115CST on Feb 28th, or .12 feet above flood stage.